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SUBJECT: FONMIO'S REPORTED REMARKS ON CIA ACTIVITIES IN TURKEY

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1. ON JAN 7 EMBOFF CALLED ON AYDIN YEGEN, FORMER MINCOUNS OF TURKISH EMBASSY AT WASHINGTON WHO IS NOW MFA WESTERN DEPT DIRECTOR, AND GAVE HIM COPY OF TERCUMAN REPORT OF FONMIN'S REMARKS ON CIA ACTIVITIES IN TURKEY. EMBOFF SAID THAT USG HAD OF COURSE NOT PARTICIPATED IN ANY WAY IN THE MILITARY INTERVENTIONS OF 1960 AND 1971, AND THAT, AS YEGEN COULD APPRECIATE FROM HIS SERVICE IN WASHINGTON TERCUMAN'S REPORT OF THE FONMIN'S REMARKS HAD CAUSED US GREAT CONCERN.

2. AT THIS POINT YEGEN VOLUNTEERED THAT HE WOULD TRY TO GET A TRANSCRIPT OF THE FONMIN'S REMARKS, IF AVAILABLE, BECAUSE HE HIMSELF HAD BEEN PRESENT AT PARLIAMENTARY HEARING AND BELIEVED TERCUMAN REPORT WAS INACCURATE. HE SAID AN OPPOSITION MEMBER OF THE BUDGET COMMITTEE HAD RAISED THE QUESTION OF THE 1974 PUBLICATION OF THE FONMIN'S INTERVIEW WITH JOURNALIST ISMAIL CEM IN WHICH THE FONMIN HAD ALLEGED CIA COMPLICITY IN THE 1960 AND 1971 INTERVENTIONS (REF B). THE BURDEN OF THE FONMIN'S RESPONSE, YEGEN SAID, WAS THAT IN PUBLISHING A REPORT OF A CONVERSATION HELD ON A BACKGROUND CONFIDENTIAL

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BASIS TWO YEARS EARLIER, THE JOURNALIST HAD ABUSED A CONFIDENCE AND ACTED IRRESPONSIBLY. EMBOFF USED OPPORTUNITY TO NOTE THAT WE HAD NOT PROTESTED FONMIN'S REMARKS WHEN ISMAIL CEM'S STORY WAS PUBLISHED BECAUSE CAGLAYANGIL HAD NOT BEEN FONMIN AT TIME REMARKS WERE ALLEGEDLY MADE. EMBOFF SAID WE WOULD BE VERY GRATEFUL FOR YEGEN'S EFFORTS TO GET A TRANSCRIPT OF THE FONMIN'S BUDGET COMMITTEE TESTIMONY.

3. ALSO ON JAN 7, TERCUMAN PUBLISHED AN EDITORIAL WHICH STATES IN PART: "THE ACCUSATION MADE AGAINST CAGLAYANGIL TO THE EFFECT THAT HE SAID THAT 'THE CIA IS BEHIND MARCH 12' (THE 1971 INTERVENTION) IS ANOTHER MATTER WHICH NEEDS TO BE CLARIFIED. AT THE BUDGET COMMITTEE HEARINGS, CAGLAYANGIL ONLY READ AN ARTICLE AND QUOTED A LIST FROM THE INTERNATIONAL DAILY TELEGRAPH. THE LIST INCLUDES SOME EVENTS IN WHICH IT IS 'THOUGHT' THAT THE CIA WAS INVOLVED. AMONG THESE INCIDENTS, MAY 27 (THE 1960 INTERVENTION) AND MARCH 12 ARE LISTED. 'THESE ARE THE FACTS', IT IS STATED IN THE ARTICLE."
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